



The Unleaded Post

Grant Money Awarded

KCLPPP has awarded \$20,000.00 in grant money to six counties. The following counties will make screening and education available to 32 percent of the children under the age of 5 in Kansas:

Dickinson Co. Health Dept.
Jefferson Co. Health Dept.
Pawnee Co. Health Dept.
Pottawatomie Co. Health Dept.
Saline Co. Health Dept.
Shawnee Co. Health Dept.

These local grants are funded by money from the Centers For Disease Control and Prevention received by the KCLPPP. Grants will provide for education and outreach to the public and support local coalitions to review, develop, improve and oversee local services related to risk reduction, screening and follow-up care. The intent of these grants is to mobilize resources for primary prevention at the local level.

WIC and EPA grant applications have been received and are currently under review. Awards will be announced soon.

Filter Paper

The KCLPPP has approved the use of filter paper as an additional screening tool for lead testing. The filter paper pilot projects conducted from June to September received great reviews from the nurses in both Saline and Douglas counties. During the pilot there were no reports of rejection of specimens sent for analysis. Less than 12 came back elevated and only one had a questionable result. When the venous sample was obtained and analyzed the results were within tenths of the paper sample. Good job to the nurses that worked on the pilot project.

To date there have been 878 tests using filter paper performed throughout Kansas this year. KCLPPP and KHEL staff are evaluating the possibility of filter paper analysis being conducted in a similar manner as currently established capillary testing protocols.

The two companies that supply the filter paper are Tamarac Medical located in Littleton Colorado and Leadtech Corporation in North Bergen, New Jersey. If you have questions or wish additional information please contact Ronda Sanders at 785-368-7155 or email rsanders@kdhe.state.ks.us

Kansas Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program

Upcoming Events

- ◆ **Executive Lead Council Meeting**
January 22, 2002
in Topeka
- ◆ **General Lead Council Meeting**
February 19, 2002
in Salina
- ◆ **KS Lead Conference and Workshop** March 14-15, 2002 in Topeka
- ◆ **KS Lead Conference and Workshop** April 4-5, 2002 in Hays

For more information,
watch our website at www.kdhe.state.ks.us/lead





Meet Maria

**Pre Renovation Education Program Manager
And
Website Coordinator**

Duties: Educate contractors on the Kansas lead based paint regulations. Educate contractors and general public on ways to perform lead safe remodeling. Recommend enforcement actions when contractors, landlords and others in the regulated community are not in compliance with the PRE Rule. Project manager for the Adult Blood Lead Epidemiological Surveillance (ABLES) section of the KCLPP program. Project officer for the ATSDR Follow Up Blood Lead Exposure Study in Galena, KS.

Education: University of Kansas
BGS in Environmental Science, 2000

Awards: 2001 Rising Lead Star Award, 2001
KDHE Employee Recognition Award

Hobbies: Reading, traveling and riding her 1998
Schwinn mountain bike.

Meet Ronda

Nurse Consultant for KCLPPP

Duties: Coordinate the medical components of EPA Grant-funded, CDC Grant-funded program. Plan, develop and implement the medical components of the childhood lead poisoning prevention program, evaluate medical management, coordinates program activities with other Bureaus, agencies, and offices. Development of administrative policies and technical procedures related to the KCLPPP. Collaborate with KDHEL and private laboratories regarding lead screening activities and collection techniques. Research, prepare and assist with technical and non-technical reports, and grant writing. Develop educational materials and training programs. Conduct training workshops statewide. Collaborate and assists in the collection and evaluation of statewide data for analysis to identify trends or populations at increased risk.

Honors/Awards: 1985 Inducted into the Golden Key National Honor Society – KU
1989 “Caught in the Act of Caring” Lawrence Memorial Hospital

Hobbies: Reading, interior design, crafts, sewing, traveling and riding her 1996 Heritage Softail Harley Davidson motorcycle.

Personal: Married to John Sanders – Topeka Police Department and member of the KS National Guard 190th Air Refuelers. Four children and 3 dogs.

Wyandotte County Health Department

Stephanie Moss is the new childhood lead poisoning prevention program nurse for WY Co. Her duties are to plan, develop and implement the blood lead screening components, and case management of a lead program.

Kansas Conference for Healthy Homes

Cassandra Baldwin

The Healthy Homes for Kansas 2001: Expanding Our Resources Conference, hosted by the Kansas Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, was held November 1-2 in Lawrence. More than 75 participants from city, local, state, and federal agencies, private contractors, tribal representatives, and non-profit organizations were in attendance for the first conference to focus specifically on healthy homes in Kansas. Issues covered at the conference included mold, lead, radon, asbestos, and asthma.

The presentations at the conference had varying topics within the scope of healthy homes, including current mold issues and remediation techniques, local and state issues and resources, healthy homes programs that are currently organized and funded in other states, and healthy homes issues at the federal level. To help promote idea generation, during the last session, the presenters formed a discussion panel. The panel, along with the breakout sessions, created a great outlet for idea-sharing, funding opportunities, and problem resolution.

A Healthy Homes Program is not currently in place in the state of Kansas, the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program organized this conference to be a discussion starting point on how to identify issues and responsibilities, and solve the health problems associated with indoor air quality and healthy homes issues. Additional details on the conference can be found on our website: www.kdhe.state.ks.us/lead.



Reciprocity

During the month of October, the Licensure, Accreditation, and Certification program established a reciprocity agreement between the state of Kansas and the state of Texas. As you may or may not know, this allows certified individuals or licensed firms to work in either state. However, each individual and firm must abide by that specific state's regulations and pay a fee according to that individual's profession. Furthermore, each state has agreed not to accept any training provider applications from either state. For those who are familiar with it, this agreement is very similar to the agreement between Kansas and Missouri. This is another step in eliminating a hazardous environment for children across Kansas and across the United States. If anyone has any questions concerning the reciprocal agreement between Kansas and Texas, please call Cory Lambrecht at (785) 296-7477 or email clambrecht@kdhe.state.ks.us.

Kansas Lead Conferences

In response to the survey requests from your local lead prevention programs, we are pleased to announce the upcoming Kansas Lead Conferences to be held in two locations across the state in CY 2002. Preliminary plans are being made to hold two conferences with the same content; the first in Topeka on March 14 & 15, 2002, and the second in Hays on April 4 & 5, 2002. We are in the process of confirming arrangements and printing brochures and registration forms at this time.

Dr. Thomas Schlenker, MD, MPH, a national authority on lead will speak on lead screening, treatment, and long-term follow-up of lead poisoned children. Staff from local and state lead poisoning prevention programs as well as other health care professionals will speak on the first day of each conference on such topics as:

- 1) Finding opportunities to improve screening in your community
- 2) Testing methods... Is there an easier way?
- 3) Treatment methods
- 4) Finding opportunities to educate community members about lead poisoning
- 5) New opportunities for child health, environmental and housing programs to work together on lead hazard issues
- 6) The benefits of building partnerships and coalitions with community organizations and community members
- 7) Testing on a tight budget
- 8) Opportunities and challenges facing local lead programs

The "Case Management, Medical & Environmental Protocols" will be presented from 8:30 a.m. to noon on the 2nd day of the conference.

Meeting brochures and registration information will be made available as soon as arrangements are made and brochures are printed. Watch for updates concerning the lead conference(s) on our website: www.kdhe.state.ks.us/lead

Interactive Websites

www.niehs.nih.gov/kids/leadbusters/home.htm
www.njpies.org

These are a great way to teach children about lead poisoning prevention!

EBL Case Management

Case management workshops will be scheduled beginning in February. The manual is currently at the printer and will be available in December. Workshops will be held at each of the KS Lead Conferences to review this manual and work through a case study. Make plans to attend one of these meetings.



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Edgar The Elephant Is On The Way!!

Edgar will be making the long voyage from Canada to the United States on January 18, 2002. We are expecting him to be very busy the first several months once he is here in Kansas, so if you would like to have him make an appearance in your town or at an event, call for an appointment early!!!!

Coupon Campaign

The KCLPPP is introducing a coupon campaign. The local health departments will be receiving coupons in the next few weeks. It works like this...A child can have a coupon for a free gift. The coupon reads; "...Take this coupon to your local Health Department, have a lead test and receive a free gift." Gifts include, shoe stickers, a frisbee, or an Edgar nose.

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